

FORM B - BUILDING

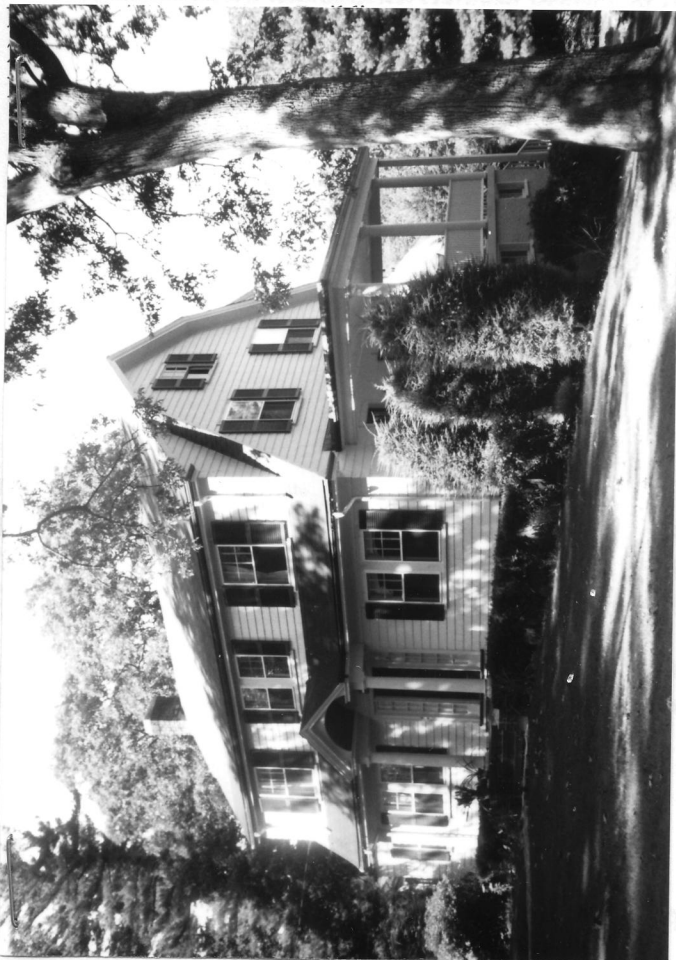
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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 51 York Street

Historic Name Walter & Marjorie Temple House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1927-8

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Dutch Colonial

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage (1975)

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 14,800 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

BUILDING FORM (51 York Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 51 York Street is a good example of a Dutch Colonial dwelling, a style which found great popularity in Lexington in the 1920s. As seen here, the side gambrel form with full-width shed dormer is the most common. Set above a concrete foundation, the house is sheathed in wood shingles and capped by a steeply-pitched gambrel roof. Centered on the three-bay facade is a six-panel wooden door capped by a louvered fan. The full sidelights are two panes wide. Above a brick stoop, Roman Doric columns support the gable porch roof which has a curved underside.

On either side of the entrance is a pair of 6/1 windows set in molded surrounds and flanked by shutters. The front shed dormer has a pair of 6/1 windows at the center with 8/1 sash on the outer edges. The west elevation is fronted by a single-story, flat-roofed addition lit by paired 6/1 windows. Breaking through the roof is an exterior brick chimney with quarter round windows at the top of the gambrel, adjacent to the chimney. The east elevation is spanned by an open, single-story porch supported by Roman Doric columns with a stick balustrade.

The original garage doors are still visible on the rear, lower level. The five panels all display 3 x 2-glass panes over two vertical panels. Windows on the rear elevation include various sizes of 6/1 sash.

Behind the house is a modern (1975) detached garage sheathed in T111 siding with two overhead doors on the gablefront facing Woodland Street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was constructed for Walter and Marjorie Temple on lot 33 of the Oakmount Park subdivision. Construction of the house had been completed by the time of the April 1928 Valuation. The Temples continued to live here into the 1940s. Later owners included Robert and Janet Canfield who purchased the property in 1955. It was sold by Robert Canfield's estate after his death in 1989.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*